

**Housing Authority - County of Los Angeles**

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To: Each Supervisor  
From: Carlos Jackson, Executive Director



**SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER**

This is to inform you that I was interviewed this morning by Ted Rohrlich, a Los Angeles Times Reporter, on the recent HUD OIG audit. The focus of the interview was the OIG's recommendation to have me replaced with someone with more extensive Section 8 experience. In the interview, he did ask me if I agreed with the recommendation and I indicated that I did not, for the following reasons: 1) major improvements and progress have been made since April 2006; and 2) HUD's own independent assessment, as well, pointed out that our program is moving in the right direction.

I presumed that the Reporter had interviewed someone on the OIG's staff prior to my interview. He indicated it appears that the reason for the recommendation to replace me was due to the fact that HUD "did not trust me". The reporter did not ask for any additional documentation, as he had a complete set of the audit and our response. I described the next step as HUD program staff having 120 days to review the audit and to communicate to the Board their final conclusions.

I am available to discuss any questions you may have.

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